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In re Application of:
Sethuraman et al.

Serial No. 09/779,123

Filed: February 07, 2001

For: A PLANARIZED SEMICONDUCTOR
INTERCONNECT TOPOGRAPHY
AND METHOD FOR POLISHING A
METAL LAYER TO FORM
INTERCONNECT

§ Group Art Unit: 2823
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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 3, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/ Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002 to further highlight
reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1-3, 10-11, and 17 with the amended claims below. A "marked-up" version
of each amendment is included in **Attachment A**.